Mr. Dase Gowda.—The construction of the Town Hall at Channapatna was commenced about eight years ago. Foundation and basement is completed at a cost of Rs. 1,000 and an additional sum of Rs. 15,000 is required to complete the construction. The Municipality is agreeable to contribute a sum of Rs. 4,000 and the people are likely to subscribe about four or five thousand rupees. The Government may therefore be pleased to contribute a sum of Rs. 6,000 for its completion.

Dewan.—An application may be made next year and it will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 304.

Contribution by Government for the completion of the construction of the Town Hall at Channapatna.

Messrs. Dase Gowda, P. Muthaiya, Channapatna Taluk, P. R. Basavarajappa, and Mandi Dasappa, Channapatna Municipality.

Summary of Discussion.—Construction of a bridge across the Arkavati river on the road from Kankanhalli to Bangalore is very necessary for the convenience of the people.

First Member of Council.—This subject came up for discussion on a previous occasion. Its cost is very high and there will be inconvenience to the people once in seven days every year. It is not possible to build the bridge now.

SUBJECT No. 305.

Construction of a bridge across the Arkavati river in the Kankanhalli Taluk.

Messrs. Venkategowda, Kankanhalli Taluk, and Bindu Madhavachar, Kankanhalli Municipality.

MYSORE DISTRICT.

(Nos. 306 to 330.)

Summary of Representation.—There are many roads under the supervision of the Mysore District Board. This is a big district. The allotment for road maintenance is on the increase. Consequently, the income from Mohatarfa and Local Cess on Excise and Forest revenues may be permanently granted to the District Board.

Note.—*Withdrawn.*

SUBJECT No. 306.

Permanent assignment to the Mysore District Board of the income derived from Mohatarfa and Local Cess on Excise and Forest revenues.

Mr. K. Venkatasamaiah, Mysore District Board.

Summary of Representation.—It is proposed that the Agent of the Jain Matt, Sravanabelgola, may be nominated as the Vice-President of the Municipality in view of the sanitary and other improvements of the place, His Holiness of the matt being the inamdar of the Village.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 307.

Nomination of the Agent of the Jain Matt at Sravanabelgola as Vice-President of the Municipality.

Mr. Shroff Padmarajiah, Jaina Education Fund Association, Mysore.

Mr. Purushothamanandagiri Gosai.—An annual contribution of Rs. 9,000 is given by Government towards maintenance of the provincial and district fund roads in the city. This was fixed several years back. The upkeep of the roads is very costly. The Municipality is itself hard up for money. A larger grant should therefore be given.

SUBJECT No. 308.

Increase of Government contribution to the Mysore City Municipality for the maintenance of the provincial roads.

Messrs. Y. Virupakshaiya, Mohamed Sait, E. Purushothamanadagiri Gosai and P. S. Anantha Rao, Mysore City Municipality.

Mr. Virupakshaiya.— A sum of Rs. 10,000 is spent for ceremonial purposes. The present expenditure towards roads is more than the amount that is granted by Government. A larger grant might therefore be given.

Dewan.—A resolution of the Municipal Council in the matter may be submitted to Government.

SUBJECT No. 309.

Fixing the proportion of charges to be met by the City Municipality for extra powerful lights.

Messrs. Y. Virupakshaiya, Mahomed Sait, E. Purushothamanadagiri Gosai and P. S. Anantha Rao, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of Representation.—Many extra powerful lights have been installed in the city of Mysore for ornamental purposes and the Municipality is not capable of meeting the increased charges incurred thereby. A definite amount proportionate to its capacity should be fixed as the Municipal contribution. This is the same case with regard to Bangalore City also.

Dewan.—Government will enquire into this matter.

SUBJECT No. 310.

Fixing a time limit for the acquisition of lands or buildings by the Trust Board for public purposes from date of notification in the Gazette.

Messrs. Y. Virupakshaiya, Mahomed Sait, E. Purushothamanadagiri Gosai, and P. S. Anantha Rao, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of Discussion.—At present there is no limit of time within which the Trust Board may acquire the notified buildings or sites. There is great delay and uncertainty in acquiring the said properties, which cause much inconvenience to the parties. Much injustice is caused by granting the original award after a long period by which time the property will have gone up in value. The parties suffer materially as purchasers hesitate to come forward or, if any do so, their offers will naturally be low.

Dewan.—An order was issued on the subject in July 1922.

Mr. Anantha Rao.—The order fixes 3 months for acquisition proceedings to be completed. A condition should be entered in the acquisition notification itself, that if acquisition is not completed with in a year, sanction should lapse.

Dewan.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 311.

Abolition of the hire on meters kept for water and light in the Mysore City.

Messrs. Y. Virupakshaiya, Mahomed Sait, E. Purushothamanadagiri Gosai and P. S. Anantha Rao, Mysore City Municipality.

Mr. Anantha Rao.—Meters are intended to facilitate the department for gauging the consumption of water and light. Meter charges might be recovered together with the installation charges at the time of the installation itself instead of meter hire being paid monthly. This system works very hard on the tax-payers.

Mr. G. Paramasivaiya.—Meter hire charges are not recovered in Bombay and Calcutta.

Mr. Karnick Krishnamurthi Rao.—These meter hire charges are not recovered from new house builders, but only in the case of others. The total hire paid is out of all proportion to the price of the meter.

Dewan.—In England and America, the system is to pay meter charges also as meters have to be kept in continual repairs.